

OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO R. R. Co.

January 9th, 1843.

To JOHN NICK. WATKINS, Esq.,

Clerk of the House of Delegates :

Sir,—In reply to your communication of the 5th instant, accompanied by an order of the House of Delegates, I am instructed to hand you the following copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Transportation of this Company, viz:

“In obedience to an order of the House of Delegates of Maryland of the 5th instant, I herewith submit a copy of the tariff of rates of this company, adopted on the opening of the road to Cumberland on the 5th November last, with a particular classification of the same as “printed for the government of the respective agents and officers along the line of said road—and also a copy of the specific rates charged for every particular description of produce, merchandize or minerals, with reference to the distance which such articles are transported, commencing with the first class and giving the different articles which are chargeable with the highest rate of tolls, and so on to the 2d, 3d, and 4th classes respectively, with the particular distances annexed to each class of article transported on said road.”

In reference to that part of the order of the House of Delegates, asking for “a like statement with respect to distance as regards the transportation of passengers on said road,” I would state, that on the 5th November last the road was opened to Cumberland and the charge for *through* passengers fixed at \$6 50—at the same time passengers were charged for all distances up to 130 miles, at the rate of 5 cents per mile, beyond which point the charge was the same as for the entire distance to Cumberland. Subsequently, however, the Board of Directors at their meeting on the 7th of December last, with a view to the attainment of greater equality in the rate of fare, directed that the charge should be at the rate of 4 cents per mile, and as nearly as practicable, made uniform throughout the entire line, except in cases where the train is stopped to take up passengers travelling 10 miles or under, when the charge is at the rate of 5 cents per mile.”

I am, Sir, respectfully, your ob't. serv't.

J. I. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*